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SUBJECT: WNINTEL TRACE - C B TRACE REQUEST ON SASAGAWA
RYOICHI

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1. ACTION: PASS TEARLINE INFORMATION TO C B

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INFORMATION CAME FROM A VARIETY OF OPEN SOURCED MATERIAL (BOTH
ENGLISH AND JAPANESE), STERILIZED HQS TRACES ON ((SASAGAWA)),
AND INSTITUTIONAL KNOWLEDGE OF HIM. THE PREFERRED SPELLING ON
THE LAST NAME IS SASAGAWA, VICE SASAKAWA. THERE HAS BEEN VERY
LITTLE "INSIDE" REPORTING ON SUBJECT, OTHER THAN SPORADIC
CABLES ON SPECIFIC CHARITABLE ACTIVITIES UNDERTAKEN BY SASAGAWA
VIA HIS CHAIRMANSHIP OF NUMEROUS ORGANIZATIONS.

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TRACES ON SASAGAWA RYOICHI

1. SASAGAWA WAS BORN ON 04 MAY 1899, MINOMO-SHI,
OSAKA-FU, JAPAN.

2. UNTIL THE END OF WWII, HE WAS A VERY ACTIVE
NATIONALIST AND HELD HONORARY POSTS IN RIGHTST ORGANS IN
JAPAN. ALTHOUGH AN ULTRA-RIGHTIST, AND WAR CRIMINAL AFTER
WWII, HE WAS NOT TRIED OR JAILED. SINCE WWII HE HAS BEEN A
VERY CONTROVERSIAL FIGURE IN JAPAN'S POLITICAL, BUSINESS
WORLDS. POLITICALLY, HE SUPPORTS THE RIGHT-WING; HOWEVER, HE
IS ALSO AN ADVISOR AND GREAT FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTOR TO JAPAN'S
RULING LIBERAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY. SASAGAWA, VIA HIS NUMEROUS
BUSINESSES, IS AND HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN A VARIETY OF BOTH LEGAL
AND ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS GAMBLING AND PROSTITUTION.
SASAGAWA TRAVELS WORLD WIDE ON BOTH AS THE HEAD OF NUMEROUS
BUSINESS DELEGATIONS, AND AS A CONTRIBUTOR TO INNUMERABLE
PROJECTS.

3. TODAY SASAGAWA IS ONE OF THE WEALTHIEST AND MOST
PROMINENT MEN IN JAPAN. AMONG OTHER ASSOCIATIONS, SASAGAWA IS
LISTED AS THE CHAIRMAN OF JAPAN'S SHIPBUILDING INDUSTRY
FOUNDATION, THE ALL JAPAN MOTORBOAT COMPETITORS UNION, JAPAN'S
MOTORBOAT ASSOCIATION, THE ALL JAPAN KARATE ASSOCIATION,
JAPAN'S HOTEL EDUCATION CENTER, BLOON AND GREEN (PHON)
FINANCIAL GROUP, JAPAN'S CROQUET ASSOCIATION, WORLD CROQUET
ASSOCIATION, TRADITIONAL JAPANESE POETRY READING AND SWORD
DANCE ASSOCIATION, THE ASSOCIATION FOR CONSOLATION OF THE
SPIRITS FOR ALL THOSE KILLED IN WAR, AND JAPAN'S MARITIME
PROMOTION FOUNDATION. HE SERVES AS THE HONORARY CHAIRMAN OF
JAPAN'S WATER SKIING ASSOCIATION, AND JAPAN'S INVENTOR
PROMOTIONS ASSOCIATION. SASAGAWA ALSO SERVES AS THE CHAIRMAN
OF THE BOARD OF FUKUOKA'S UNIVERSITY OF ENGINEERING AND ON THE
BOARDS OF AICHI'S MEDICAL SCHOOL AND THE UNITED NATION'S (UN)

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UNIVERSITY FOR PEACE. SASAGAWA IS ALSO REPUTED TO BE THE HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL IN JAPAN FOR THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC. SASAGAWA IS KNOWN TO USE MOST, IF NOT ALL, OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS AS FRONT COMPANIES TO ADVANCE HIS OWN "IMAGE CLEANING" ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS TO SHIFT FINANCES FOR A VARIETY OF PURPOSES, BOTH ABOVE AND BELOW BOARD.

4. IN THE PAST TWENTY YEARS SASAGAWA HAS ATTEMPTED TO CLEAN UP HIS IMAGE BY CONTRIBUTING LARGE SUMS OF MONEY TO A VARIETY OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS, PROGRAMS, CHARITIES, UNITED NATIONS PROJECTS, AND PROJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL FIGURES. IN ALL HIS ENDEAVORS SASAGAWA ATTEMPTS TO MAKE A PRODUCTION OF THE GIFT GIVING AND HAVE HIS PICTURE TAKEN THEN PRINTED WITH THE RECIPIANTS OF HIS GENEROUS GIFTS. TWO RECENT EXAMPLE OF THIS TYPE OF ACTIVITY WAS WHEN A BUST OF SASAGAWA WAS PLACED IN THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION IN GENEVA, AFTER HE CONTRIBUTED 3 MILLION USD TO UN AGENCIES, AND WHEN HE RECEIVED MUCH ACCOLADE AND PRESS FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE AFGHAN REFUGEE CAUSE. IT IS WIDELY KNOWN THAT THE FUNDS SASAGAWA GIVES TO THESE PROJECTS ARE MOSTLY, IF NOT COMPLETELY, THE CAPITAL RAISED THROUGH HIS LEGAL (ALBEIT FIXED) GAMBLING ENTERPRISES WHICH MUST, BY JAPANESE TAX LAW, BE CONTRIBUTED TO CHARITABLE CAUSES.

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